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UM PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT NETS HHS GRANT

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's Department of Psychology has been awarded a three-year federal grant worth nearly \$2 million to help disadvantaged and minority students pursue careers in the mental health field.

UM was one of 30 colleges chosen from about 150 applicants to receive the Mental Health Careers Opportunity Program grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.

The grant came about through the efforts of UM psychology department faculty members Gyda Swaney, Allen Szalda-Petree and Nabil Haddad.

UM will receive \$612,659 the first year, \$677,935 the second and \$705,052 the third year.

The grant money will be shared with six tribal colleges in Montana -- Blackfeet Community College, Chief Dull Knife Community College, Fort Belknap Community College, Fort Peck Community College, Salish Kootenai College and Stone Child Community College -- and one in Wyoming -- Central Wyoming Community College.

Proceeds from the grant also will fund summer enrichment programs for educationally, financially and geographically disadvantaged high school students and under-represented minority students to support their selection of mental health as a career choice.

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a featured soloist at The Next Wave Festival at Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Lincoln Center Festival, the Knitting Factory, the European Cultural Capital Festival in Copenhagen, the Avignon Festival, the Spoleto USA Festival and the Encontros Arcarte Festival in Lisbon.

In the Northwest he has performed with the Billings, Bozeman, Butte and Missoula symphony orchestras, String Orchestra of the Rockies, Missoula Children's Theatre and in "Watching Over" with MoTrans. Kalm most recently recorded Harry Partch's "The Wayward," released in 2003 on Wergo Records.

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